

## PROCLAMATION CYSTIC FIBROSIS MONTH SEPTEMBER 2015

WHEREAS, cystic fibrosis is the most common fatal, genetic disease in the United States, affecting more than 30,000 young people; and

WHEREAS, cystic fibrosis attacks vital bodily functions, particularly breathing and digestion; and

WHEREAS, a significant commitment of time and financial resources is required each day to effectively treat the symptoms of the disease and to help prolong the life of those with it, and a combination of consistent treatment and genetic research is allowing a growing number of North Dakotans with cystic fibrosis to become contributing members of North Dakota's society and economy; and

WHEREAS, it is important that our fellow citizens who have cystic fibrosis be encouraged to continue the essential care they need to maintain optimum health; and

WHEREAS, it is equally important to recognize those who have cystic fibrosis, their families, medical personnel and non-profit organizations for their on-going efforts to treat the symptoms of the disease and improve the quality of life of those who have it, while working for a cure; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota citizens are encouraged to increase their awareness of cystic fibrosis and to join the fight to defeat it.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim September 2015, **CYSTIC FIBROSIS MONTH** in the state of North Dakota.

Jack Dalrymple

Governor

ATTEST:

Alvin A. Jaeger Secretary of State